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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) In last year's budget speech it was indicated that gauge conversion of the following 2 sections was planned to be completed in 2000-2001:—

- (i) Makum-Dongri
- (ii) Amguri-Tuli

(b) Work on both these projects is in good progress and they would be completed in the coming months.

(c) An amount of Rs. 10 cr. has been earmarked in Budget 2000-2001 for these works. The expenditure will be known when the accounts for 2000-01 are finalised.

(d) There has been delay on account of law and order situation in the state of Assam and in the case of Amguri-Tuli, due to a stay by the courts, which has since been got vacated and work is now in progress.

Loss to Railways due to Gujarat Earthquake

353. **SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway lines/tracks, bridges, railway stations, staff quarters were destroyed in recent earthquake in Gujarat on 26th January, 2001;

(b) what is the estimated loss of Railway property;

(c) how many railway employees were killed in the earthquake; and

(d) how the Ministry propose to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a) Railway lines/tracks	= 10 Sections
Bridges	= 107Nos.
Railway Station buidlings	= 124 Nos.
Station cabins	= 68 Nos.
Staff quarters	= 9820 Nos.

(b) Rs. 75 Crores (approximately) loss towards repairs/rebuilding.

(c) 03. Financial relief of Rs. 5 lakhs each is being given to the families of the railway employees killed in the Earthquake in Gujarat.

(d) Immediate action was taken to restore traffic on priority. All sections of Railways track except Dahinsara-Lavanpur-Navalakhi have been restored. Temporary accommodation has already been provided by way of Tents and Sheds immediately. Other repairs/rebuilding are also in hand.

Sanitation at Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

354. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cleanliness drives conducted at major railway stations of Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupathi junctions, during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the results achieved there from; and

(c) what other initiatives have been introduced for improving sanitation at railway stations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The number of cleanliness drives launched at major railway stations of Andhra Pradesh particularly at Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Tirupati during the years 1999 and 2000 were as under:—

Station	1999	2000
Hyderabad	5	4
Vijayawada	6	4
Visakhapatnam	50	53
Tirupati	4	3
Other major stns	16	17